

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A system for three-dimensional imaging comprising:
  - a first light source producing a first output including two or more pulses;
  - means for directing said first output to a target;
  - receiving means operable to receive a portion of said first output reflected from said target through atmospheric turbulence;
  - a first image sensor operable to produce two or more two-dimensional image slices of said target;
  - a second image sensor operable to detect two or more second sensor images of said target;
  - means for multiframe blind deconvolution operable to determine a point spread function from said two or more second sensor images;
  - means for deconvolution operable to deconvolve said two or more two-dimensional image slices using said point spread function and to produce two or more deblurred two-dimensional image slices; and
  - means for combining said deblurred two-dimensional image slices operable to form a three-dimensional image of said target.
2. (Original) The system of Claim 1, further comprising light from a second light source reflected from said target, wherein said receiving means is operable to receive said light from said second sensor, and wherein said second image sensor is operable to detect said two or more second sensor images from said light from said second light source.

3. (Original) The system of Claim 2, wherein said second light source is selected from the group consisting of a laser, the sun, multiple lasers, and self-emission from the target.
4. (Original) The system of Claim 3, wherein said second light source is a quasi-coherent or temporally incoherent laser.
5. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein said means for multiframe blind deconvolution comprise a computer readable medium having instructions thereon to perform a step of estimating a point spread function from a second sensor image.
6. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein said means for deconvolution comprise a computer readable medium having instructions thereon to perform a step of deconvolving said point spread function from said two-dimensional image slices to produce deblurred two-dimensional image slices.
7. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein said means for combining comprise a computer readable medium having instructions thereon to perform steps of combining said deblurred two-dimensional image slices and forming a three-dimensional image of said target.
8. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein said means for directing comprise a laser beam director.
9. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein said first light source comprises a laser having an active medium made of Cr:LiSAF or Nd:YAG.
10. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein each of said two or more pulses has a fluence of about 0.1 to about 100 Joules per pulse.

11. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein each of said two or more pulses has a pulse width of less than 5 nanoseconds.

12. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein said pulse width is between about 0.1 to about 2 nanoseconds.

13. (Original) The system of Claim 1, further comprising means for compression operable to receive, compress, and transmit said two or more pulses.

14. (Currently amended) A method for creating a three-dimensional image of a target through atmospheric turbulence, comprising the steps of:

directing a first output of pulses from a first laser to a target;

receiving reflected pulses from said target through atmospheric turbulence;

forming two or more two-dimensional image slices from a first image sensor;

forming one or more second sensor images of said target at a second image sensor;

performing multiframe blind deconvolution on said one or more second sensor images;

determining a point spread function from said one or more second sensor images;

deconvolving said two or more two-dimensional image slices using said point spread function;

forming a deblurred two-dimensional image slices from each of said two or more two dimensional image slices; and

combining said deblurred two-dimensional image slices to form a three-dimensional image of said target.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 14, further comprising storing said two or more two-dimensional image slices.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 15, wherein said step of storing said two or more two-dimensional image slices comprises storing said two-dimensional image slices in a first image sensor.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 14, further comprising receiving sunlight reflected from said target through said atmospheric turbulence.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 14, further comprising directing a second output of pulses from a second laser to said target.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein said step of performing multiframe blind deconvolution further comprises incorporating *a priori* knowledge of a point spread function or of said target.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 19, wherein said step of incorporating *a priori* knowledge comprises incorporating positivity constraints.

21. (Original) The method of Claim 14, further comprising calculating a maximum likelihood of a noise function.

22. (Original) The method of Claim 14, further comprising calculating one or more gradients of a noiseless image of said target.

23. (Original) The method of Claim 14, further comprising calculating a noiseless image of said target.

24. (Original) The method of Claim 19, wherein said step of incorporating a *priori* knowledge comprises incorporating an object pixel density function.

25. (Original) The method of Claim 21, further comprising using a sieve or small smoothing kernel.

26. (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein said step of deconvolving said point spread function from each of said two-dimensional image slices further comprises using a guard band.

27 - 36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 1, wherein said first image sensor is a time of arrival image sensor operable to produce said two-dimensional image slices.

38. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 1, wherein each of the first and second image sensors comprises a respective plane array of photodetectors, and further comprising a beam splitter operative to direct respective first and second portions of collected light output from the receiving means to the first and second image sensors.

39. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 14, wherein each of the first and second image sensors comprises a respective plane array of photodetectors by which the two-dimensional image slices and second sensor images are formed, and further comprising splitting collected light of the reflected pulses into respective first and second portions and directing the first and second portions to the first and second image sensors respectively.

40. (Currently amended) A system for three-dimensional imaging, comprising:
- a first light source operable to produce a first output including two or more pulses;
  - a director operable to direct said first output to a target;
  - a receiver operable to receive a portion of said first output reflected from said target through atmospheric turbulence;
  - a first image sensor operable to produce two or more two-dimensional image slices of said target;
  - a second image sensor operable to detect two or more second sensor images of said target; and
  - a processing system operable:
    - a) to perform multiframe blind deconvolution to determine a point spread function from said two or more second sensor images;
    - b) to deconvolve said two or more two-dimensional image slices using said point spread function and to produce two or more deblurred two-dimensional image slices; and
    - c) to combine said deblurred two-dimensional image slices operable to form a three-dimensional image of said target.